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SUBJ: AIR POSTAL SERVICE

1. HONDURAN MINISTER OF ECONOMY ARMANDO SAN MARTIN PRESENTED FORMAL REQUEST TO AMBASSADOR SANCHEZ TO CHANGE CURRENT AIR MAIL DELIVERY TO HONDURAS FROM THE UNITED STATES. THE MINISTER STATED THAT AIR MAIL TO HONDURAS IS NOW CARRIED BY PAN AMERICAN TO GUATEMALA WHERE IT IS PICKED UP BY SAHSA, A HONDURAN CARRIER. BECAUSE OF SLOW SERVICE AND OTHER DIFFICULTIES, THE MINISTER WISHES TO CHANGE THE PATTERN SO THAT SAHSA AND TAN, BOTH HONDURAN CARRIERS, WOULD PICK UP MAIL FROM THE UNITED STATES AT NEW ORLEANS AND MIAMI, RESPECTIVELY. THE TWO CARRIERS PRESENTLY DELIVER HONDURAN MAIL TO THE UNITED STATES TO THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE AT THOSE TWO PORTS OF ENTRY. PAN AMERICAN DOES NOT SERVICE HONDURAS, HAVING TERMINATED ITS SERVICE TO SAN PEDRO SULA ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO.

2. ROLANDO FIGUEROA, GENERAL MANAGER OF SAHSA, ACCOMPANIED MINISTER SAN MARTIN WHEN HE CALLED AT THE EMBASSY. SR. FIGUEROA STATED THAT SAHSA IS SEEKING TO PURCHASE A BOEING 737 CARGO/ PASSENGER CONFIGURATION AIRCRAFT. HE IS NEGOTIATING WITH BOEING. HE STATED THAT WITH THIS THIRD AIRCRAFT, THE HONDURAN CARRIERS WOULD BE ABLE TO ASSURE RAPID MAIL DELIVERY TO AND FROM THE U.S.

3. IT APPEARS THAT THE MINISTER'S PROPOSAL WOULD COST PAN AMERICAN SOME REVENUE. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT ADVISE THE EMBASSY OF THE PROCEDURE WHICH THE GOH MUST FOLLOW

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